

SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2019 Minutes

From The Pastor's Heart

I know I am dating myself, but with this recent heat wave I suddenly found myself humming the tune to Nat King Cole's 1963 hit, "Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer."

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer
Just fill your basket full of sandwiches and weenies
Then lock the house up, now you're set
And on the beach you'll see the girls in their bikinis
As cute as ever but they never get 'em wet
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here
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Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer
Don't have to tell a girl and fella about a drive-in
Are some romantic movie scene
Right from the moment that those lovers start arrivin'
You'll see more kissin' in the car than on the screen
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here
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Now admit it, you just sang this entire song and now have the tune stuck in your head (sorry). I do admit I appreciate summer and the warm sunny days. When I was growing up I often heard of the "Dog Days of Summer." I never gave it much thought as to where the name came from or what it actually meant.

by the *Farmers' Almanac* Staff

We often hear about the "dog days" of summer but few know what the expression means. Some say that it signifies hot sultry days "not fit for a dog," others suggest it's the weather in which dogs go mad. The Dog Days of Summer describes the most oppressive period of summer, between July 3rd and August 11th each year. But where did the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs?

The phrase is actually a reference to the fact that, during this time, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. This is why Sirius is sometimes called the Dog Star.

*In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun's warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or "dog days."*

Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun—July 3 to Aug. 11.

So what do the hazy lazy days of summer, or if you wish, the Dog Days of Summer, mean to you?

- Do you plan to take your beach vacation during this time or some other favorite vacation spot?
- Or maybe you are planning what is known as a "staycation?" You simply stay at home and take short day trips or simply relax at home as you seek some much needed R&R?

Self-care is something we often neglect. We are so busy taking care of everyone and everything around us that we give very little thought to our own well-being. I must confess over my 37 years of ministry I have fallen miserably short in this department.

Jesus knew the importance of self-care. Continually Jesus withdrew from people, daily life activities, and the demands of his ministry to be alone with the Father and pray. Jesus' solitude and silence is a major theme in the Gospels. Study this in your Bible and you'll discover the secret of Jesus' peace and power.

The priority of Jesus' solitude and silence is everywhere in the Gospels. It's how he began his ministry. It's how he made important decisions. It's how he dealt with troubling emotions like grief. It's how he dealt with the constant demands of his ministry and cared for his soul. It's how he taught his disciples. It's how he prepared for important ministry events. It's how he prepared for his death on the cross.

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From The Pastor's Heart, continued

Jesus' solitude is how he went deeper in his love-relationship with the God he knew as Abba. Jesus invites us to join him.

Here is a chronological survey of Bible verses from Mark that highlight Jesus' solitude and silence. (I've added a few verses from the other Gospels. All verses are NIV unless indicated otherwise.)

- ◇ At once the Spirit sent [Jesus] out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. (Mark 1:12)
- ◇ Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee... "Come, follow me," he said. (Mark 1:16)
- ◇ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35) [Everyone was looking for Jesus, but after his time in prayer he told his disciples that it was time for them to move on to another village.]
- ◇ [Despite Jesus' plea that his miracles be kept secret] the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:15-16; see also Mark 1:45)
- ◇ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. (Mark 2:13)
- ◇ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples walked along. (Mark 2:23)
- ◇ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. (Mark 3:7)
- ◇ Jesus went out to a mountain side to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him. (Luke 6:12-13. See also Mark 3:13)
- ◇ Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables. (Matthew 13:1-3. See also Mark 4:1.)
- ◇ When Jesus heard [that John the Baptist had been beheaded], he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. (Matthew 14:13)
- ◇ Because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, [Jesus] said to [his disciples], "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. (Mark 6:31-32)
- ◇ After [Jesus] had dismissed [the crowds], he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was [still] there alone. (Matthew 14:23; see also Mark 6:46)
- ◇ [Jesus] entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. (Mark 7:24)
- ◇ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" (Luke 9:18. See also Mark 8:27)
- ◇ Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. (Matthew 15:29, ESV)
- ◇ Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)
- ◇ After his brothers had gone up to the feast, then [Jesus] also went up, not publicly but in private. (John 7:10, ESV). [Jesus walked 90 miles from Galilee to Jerusalem, which gave him about *five days* in solitude.]
- ◇ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)
- ◇ Again [the religious leaders in Jerusalem] sought to arrest [Jesus], but he escaped from their hands. He went away again [walking about five miles] across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. And many came to him. (John 10:39-41, ESV)
- ◇ They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. (Mark 10:32.) [Apparently Jesus kept silent for most of the 22-mile hike. Luke says Jesus was "resolute" (9:51). He told them that he'd be tortured and killed in Jerusalem.]
- ◇ When [Jesus and his disciples] had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Mark 14:26). This was Jesus' "usual place" to pray when he was in Jerusalem. (Luke 22:39)
- ◇ They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." (Mark 14:32)

How could we think that we can live well or *love well* without following Jesus' example? We all know what Jesus said when asked, "What is the greatest commandment." **And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."**

We often focus on loving God and loving our neighbor. We often bypass the part of loving ourselves. As we journey through these Lazy Hazy Days of Summer (The Dog Days of Summer) I would encourage you to practice self-care. In order for it to be well with our souls we must ensure to care for ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually. With a renewed and refreshed spirit we can step into September ready to run the race that God has put before us.

Blessings,



Pastor Russel



Worship Opportunities - August 2019

Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am
 Sunday School for all ages: 10 am (September—May)
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am

August 4, 2019
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Communion

Sermon: "Sustainable Fashion"

Liturgist: Mike Pedee

A/V: Sandra Lane (9 am) / Pam Honeychurch (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Hosea 11:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

August 11, 2019
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Sheltered with Love

Sermon: "Faith and the Status Quo"

Liturgist: Dorothy Jadlowiec

A/V: Kelly Herman (9 am) / Kim Benjamin (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40



August 18, 2019
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgist: Carole Ford

Lay Servant Jack Moffett will bring the morning message and lead the traditional service

A/V: Kelly Apple (9 am) / *Volunteer Needed (11 am)*

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "Trip Advice"

Liturgist: Nancy Plum

A/V: Lou Ann Scott (9 am) / *Volunteer Needed (11 am)*

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

SUMMERTIME CELEBRATIONS

During the past two months our SUMC family has celebrated many unique events that only come in the summer.

First of all, a number of youth and adults took part in Creation, an annual Christian music festival in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Then, 20 teens and adults from North Carolina who were traveling to Buffalo on a mission trip stayed overnight in the library and parlor. We provided snacks and breakfast.

On July 21st Ron Smith sang two beautiful songs as part of the special summer music. He performed *Amazing Grace* and *It Is Well With My Soul* in a soothing and smooth style.

Also on July 21st we celebrated Pam Honeychurch's kidney donation 5 years ago to Bola Nicholson. This is definitely God's love in action. The altar flowers added beauty as they honored Jack and Tanny Morrow's 69th wedding anniversary.

And last but not least, Vacation Bible School will fly our kids to Mars and Beyond, August 5—9! We're joining St Paul's Lutheran and St. Matthews AME Zion Churches for youngsters and staff.

God is good,
 Donna Sawhill, Lay Leader

A Message from our



NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

SEWICKLEY UMC AT THE PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

Come support the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC soccer team as they host Loudoun United FC for a Faith and Family night on **Friday, August 23rd**. The fun begins at 5:30 with pregame activities sponsored by KLove. The game starts at 7 pm and will be followed by an autograph session and testimonials by members of the Riverhounds team and coaching staff. Tickets are \$18 and a portion of the funds will be returned to the SUMC Youth Group! Get your tickets at groupmatics.events/s/other/SewickleyUnitedMethodist or contact Susie Moffett at susie.fhnc@gmail.com for more information!



PUMPKIN PATCH — It's not TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THIS YEAR'S Pumpkin Patch. **Our pumpkins are coming on September 28th at 9 am.** Please mark your calendars now and invite a friend. If you know of any organizations that offer community service, please let Lou Ann Scott know.



IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION SEMINAR AND LUNCH — Saturday, September 21, 11 am.

The Outreach Committee will provide a light lunch while Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union (Keystone UMFCU) will present information on identity theft prevention. Methods used to try gain access to personal information are ever changing; Keystone UMFCU will share the latest to help you avoid identity theft. This free event is open to the public; advance registration details will be available in late August, but mark your calendar.



AMISH COUNTRY TRIP — The SUMC Angels will spend the day in Amish Country on **Tuesday, August 6**. All ladies are welcome. Meet at the church at 9 am to carpool. Plan to have lunch and shop. RSVP to Sandy Kuriger at 412-741-9473.

HELP WANTED PLEASE!! — We will be laying down a layer of mulch for our playground on **Saturday, August 24**, starting at 8 am. We'd appreciate any time you can spare that morning as many hands make light work. We have the wheel barrows, but please bring your favorite rake. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandra Lane, 412-841-7169.



BLESSING BAGS — On July 14th, 150 Blessing Bags were packed following worship services. You are invited to take a bag or two to carry in your vehicle; when you see a person in need, you then hand the person a Blessing Bag. The bag contains some comfort items, as well as snacks and beverages. Additionally, a resource sheet lists contacts for assistance with shelter, food, medical care, veteran services, and more. The Blessing Bags are available in the Simpson Room and in the Narthex. While primarily targeted for "homeless" persons, you are welcome to give a Blessing Bag to anyone whom may be in need of such a bag and/or the resources listed.



FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION — Look for the grocery cart on **August 25th** and help local families with food insecurities meet their needs. The end of August means back to school - let's make sure local children have proper nutrition, which will help with learning. August's suggested non-perishable

items are: cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars, juice, and healthy snack options.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:

Students, teachers and school staff, come be blessed during worship on **Sunday, August 11** as you prepare to begin a new school year!



OUR FIRST ROYAL TEA IS BEING SERVED! — SAVE THE DATE: September 22nd.

Come with a friend or bring a whole table of friends to a tea party in the Simpson Room from 2 - 4 pm. Sweets, scones, and sandwiches will be served along with several hot teas and punch.

Entertainment will include music, magic, balloon art, and a surprise. Prizes will be awarded for hats, costumes, and groups.

The tickets are \$12, with girls under 10, \$6. For tickets contact Sandy Kuriger 412-559-9652 or call the office 412-741-9430.



With all the kings and priests gone from Israel and Judah, Ezekiel teaches the remnant thriving in Babylonia that each person is to have an individual relationship with God. The entire generation who knew the Temple in Jerusalem died in Exile. This made way for a new generation. Daniel and his friends implemented this individual relationship with God. They thrived on food which the Babylonians had not sacrificed to idols. They walked with God in the midst of a fiery furnace and made friends with lions sent to eat them. As with Joseph in Egypt, they interpreted dreams and saw into the future. Their individual relationship with God saw them through every detail of daily life.

When Cyrus the Persian came to power in the Middle East, he released the Jews to return home. Two forces worked in the Jewish mind as they returned. First, Isaiah's grandson began to



discuss the messianic hope. God would come to earth as a servant. He would provide a personal example of life in union with God. The Jews had to prepare for this. Second, the new priests, like Zerubbabel and Ezra, began writing

books like Leviticus to reduce the law to writing. What they started continues to grow as the Talmud. The ever-expanding word of God.

Come! Join us in the library between services. Watch the hand of the Holy Spirit move through human affairs.

Roger Thomas

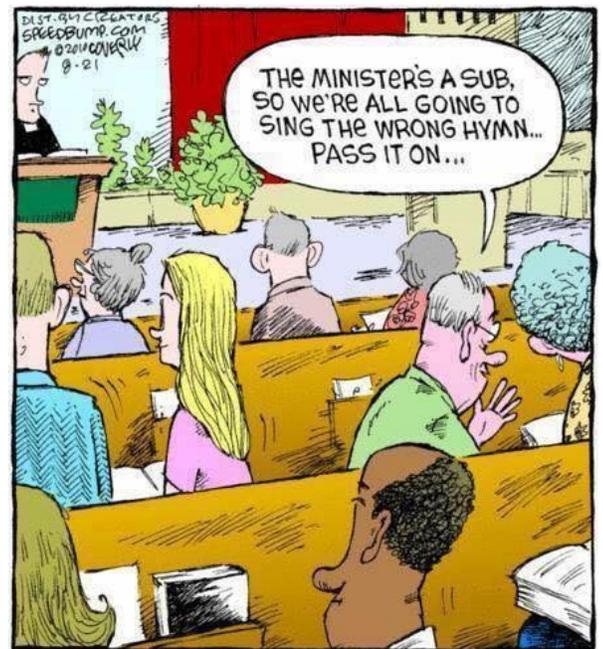
We will be watching you from our new home in New Ringgold. We had a choice between finishing Shirley Sye's challenge and being with the grandchildren. Somebody else will pick up the challenge.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Blast off with us for an epic adventure as we join with St. Matthews AME Zion and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches for a community VBS! To Mars and Beyond VBS will help us explore where God's power can take

us! The journey takes place **August 5 - 9, 6-8:30 pm**. All kids from 3 years old to entering 5th grade are welcome to participate. Teens and adults are encouraged to join us as volunteers. Contact Susie Moffett (susie.fhnc@gmail.com) or Holly Burnett (hvburnett@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer. We will also be decorating on Aug 3 & 4, 1 - 4 pm to get everything ready for the fun on Monday. Registration is available on our website: sewickleyumc.org/vacation-bible-school



JUMONVILLE LABOR DAY SINGLE'S RETREAT WEEKEND

This year Single's Retreat will happen August 30th to September 2 at the beautiful mountaintop camp above Uniontown, PA. The cost is \$230 (Early Bird \$210, if registered before August 1) includes 3 nights of lodging and 8 meals.

Christian Singles Fellowship is an outreach ministry of the Western Pennsylvania UM Conference. The mission is to provide opportunities for singles to share the LOVE of Christ through education, nurturing, and fellowship growth. Events are open to those who have never been married, are divorced, separated, or widowed. All denominations are WELCOME.

The retreat study **WALK THE LINE** is a Bible study of words with similar meanings which we often use interchangeably. Upon a closer look at these words in their context we find a fine line of distinction and we examine that line. Word choice is an integral part of understanding God's message of unconditional love.

Ask Warren Kinner for more info and registration forms. You may also visit christiansingleswpaumc.org for more information.





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FOTC is offering a free car wash in the SUMC parking lot from **10 am until 2 pm on Saturday, August 3**. Donations will be accepted to help cover shipping costs for our shoeboxes.

The cost of shipping each box is \$9, which includes Bible learning materials and classes which are offered to each child who receives a shoebox.

SUMC family can help with the car wash – our biggest fundraiser – by sharing the opportunity with friends, neighbors and co-workers.

SUMC youth and Sunday school students are invited and encouraged to help us with the car wash.

August is acceleration month for Operation Christmas Child at Sewickley UMC. The Fellowship of the Cross (FOTC) is providing **3 opportunities** for everyone to contribute to our 2019 campaign:

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Our targeted donation items for August are school supplies. We need crayons, markers, notebooks that fit into shoeboxes, rulers, scissors and erasers.



We are also in need of health and personal grooming supplies, such as toothbrushes and combs, and toys that fit into shoeboxes, such as small stuffed animals, balls, dolls and cars.

Donations can be left in the FOTC collection box in the narthex.

We need help gift-wrapping the shoeboxes this year, so we are hosting a gift-wrapping party from 10 am until noon in the Simpson Room on **Sunday, August 11**. We will provide wrapping paper, tape, scissors and treats.

In almost all of the OCC stories, gift-wrapped boxes were mentioned as a special treat for the children who receive them. It has become our tradition to wrap the boxes and we need your help to extend it.

If you would like to take some boxes home to wrap, we will provide the boxes as well as the wrapping paper. See Pamela Mayo, Bill Utterback or any member of the FOTC team.

Our 2019 shoebox packing party will be held in September. We hope to have 100 boxes wrapped before the packing party.

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**RURAL LIFE SUNDAY
August 11th**

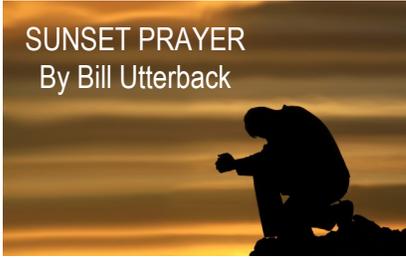
This special offering will be received for the purpose of strengthening nurture, witness and outreach in town and rural areas. If you wish to support Rural Life initiatives, mark your gift "Rural Life" and include it with your regular offering. You may also use EasyTithe, electing "Rural Life" from the drop down box.



Remember our Shut-ins

Please write to our shut-ins and keep them in your prayers. The church office can provide you with contact information.

Paul Collier	Pat Rudy
Mignon Emmert	Doug Rummens
Renee Gittins	Patricia Smith
Virginia Harriger	Bonnie Stoicovy
B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger	Shirley Sye



SUNSET PRAYER
By Bill Utterback

I want to do sunset prayers again in August, but I want to grow the opportunity. We prayed together at sunset on the first Sunday in June, and then again on the first Sunday in July.

In August, let's pray at sunset on the first Sunday, and again on the first Monday, and again on the first Tuesday, and again on the first Wednesday, and again on the first Thursday ... that will cover every day of our Vacation Bible School in prayer.

You can pray from wherever you are, whenever you see God gifting us with a sunset. Pray from the patio, from the car, from the dinner table, from the garden, as you walk your dog. You can invite others into the prayer. This is an *informal if-you-want-to* avenue for us to become a church that prays together.

Our VBS will be a cooperative effort along with St. Paul's Lutheran and St Matthews AME Zion Churches. It will be held in our building and on our lawn each evening from Aug. 5 through Aug. 9. At sunset, we can pray for the next day's gathering.

We can pray for the campers. We can pray for their families.

We can pray for youth who volunteer to help us.

We can pray for the adult leaders.

We can ask God to share his love and his light, his energy and imagination, with everyone involved.

We can offer thanks for the opportunity.

We can also include anything happening within our church family, and anything swirling in our hearts — burdens and joys, hopes and fears.

August ANNIVERSARIES

Ashleah & Nick Martinez	8/7
Frank & Dawn Cannister	8/10
Bola & Willie Nicholson	8/13
Ruth & Roger Thomas	8/29

Congratulations to Emily Resler and Nicholas Gillet who were married at St. Mary of the Mount Catholic Church on June 29th. Emily is the daughter of Belinda and Doug Resler and granddaughter of Nancy Plum. Emily's sisters Savannah and Ciara served as Maids of Honors.



Prayer Requests

John A.
Family of Dick Bell (Donna Sawhill's brother-in-law)
Sally Barton
Betty Beaman
Bill & Barb
Margaret Cable
Family of Frank Cannister, Jr. (father of Frank Cannister)

Jack Certain
Edward Davis
Joe
Susan Dobbins
Pat Dougherty
Lou Egenlauf
Beth Ellisher
Family of Barbara Fanning
Jim Fisher
Pat Fulton
Bill Gittins
Jim Graham
Atleah Grubb
Jennifer H.
Jerry Hagadorn
Family of Debbie Hooper
Mary Huber (Roberta Davis' sister)

Linda Idecker
Wayne Johnson
Dr. John Keriotis
Sean Kowalski
Joe L.
Dixie Lemasters (Debbie Chesney's mom)
Michelle Malito
Sara McCullough
Lindsay Merryman
Tony Morgan
John and Sandy Nelson
Jim O.
Doris Mason
Margaret Pedee
Jim Rogansky
Dave S.
Ed S.

Mary Sava (Martha Boward's sister)
Linda Shortz
Bill Seifried
Wendy Shepard
Linda Sollinger
Frank Sopko
Robert Spardy
Chris Speanburg
Pam Squires
Will Stewart
Tamara
Family of Celie Tanner
Kara Wayne and Family
Laura Youngblood
Rich Z.
Dennis Zeveny

You are invited to attend the Western PA United Christian Ashram held at the Jumonville Conference and Retreat Center October 11-13, 2019. What is a Christian Ashram and what is Jumonville?

A Christian Ashram is a structured Christian experience held in a retreat setting for the purpose of deepening one's spiritual growth. The weekend retreat, which runs from Friday dinner time through Sunday lunch time, is an opportunity to come apart from (ashram) our daily hustle and bustle of life and focus on being in God's presence. The concept of a Christ-centered retreat was born in the heart of the Methodist missionary E. Stanley Jones while he served God as an evangelist in India. Ashrams of various lengths are held throughout the world. Ours in Western PA is held over a weekend. Others ashrams are held over an entire week and some are held in a single day, but all of them including preaching, Bible teaching and witnessing. This year our Evangelist is Christine Rogan, our Bible Teacher is Jim Gear and our Lay Witness speaker is Erica Hubsch.

Jumonville is a church camp and retreat center located atop a "mountain" overlooking Uniontown, PA. In Pennsylvania, we call very high hills "mountains." That sounds a bit odd after taking a western trip to the Rockies, however the retreat center is a fine place to enjoy time away from home to learn, reflect and pray. The Center provides comfortable dormitory-style lodging, tasty meals and beautiful views. It is peaceful and perfect for a spiritual experience.

Costs: \$160.00 for the weekend; a non-refundable registration fee of \$9.25, plus Jumonville's room and meals charges of \$150.75. First time attendees are invited to take advantage of the \$50.00 discount. Please pick up a brochure from the table in the back of the sanctuary or contact Kristine Swaney at 412-741-2092.



3RD ANNUAL GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPICE BUTTERFLY RELEASE Saturday, August 24, 2 - 4 pm

Concordia at Villa St. Joseph, 1030 W State Street, Baden

Register at GSHButterflyRelease.org
or call 724-352-1571 ext. 8355

You are invited to honor and celebrate the memory of your loved ones. Children are welcome! Refreshments will be provided.

The event is free to attend, with butterflies to be released at \$10 each. Walk-ups welcome, but pre-registration is highly encouraged to guarantee a butterfly.

Schedule of Events:

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer
Choral and Musical Performances
Release of Butterflies
Children's Activities



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RALLY DAY!

The first Sunday after the Labor Day Weekend, **September 8**, is the beginning of all adult and youth Sunday School classes and Children's Church, and is officially called RALLY DAY!

At 10 am, between services, there will be a

breakfast where our wonderful Nurture Committee will be providing breakfast meat and we are all requested to bring a breakfast casserole, side dish, fruit or beverage for the buffet.

Of course there will be something special to mark this event that you don't want to miss, so write it down and bring your friends and family!

There will be a sign up in the back of the church to help us keep track of what is needed and who is bringing what.

Please add your name and we will love to see you there...all of our church family, regardless of whether you are enrolled in Sunday School or not.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, swap summer stories, and help us mark the beginning of another great year!

Andrea and Barry Lewis, co-chairs, Education Committee



The Sewickley United Methodist Church will have the honor to present our Third Graders with their very own Bible on **September 8th** during both services. This year's class has the following students:

Jackson Leety & Caitlin Matthews.

If your student is entering the third grade this school year and isn't listed, please contact the church office, Sandra Lane or Warren Kinneer. Parents are invited and encouraged to be there for the presentation.

Reflections from the 2019 Creation Music Festival,
 attended by 17 members of the SUMC family for five days in late June
 by Bill Utterback

Creating something in children ...

A 5-year-old sat on a church aunt's lap and announced to the circle of SUMC campers, "I love Jesus so much and I pray for Him every night."

An SUMC 12-year-old, unwilling to submit to his tent and his sleeping bag although it was after midnight, told three adults he learned "you don't have to be perfect to be here."

Creating something in youth ...

An SUMC teen said "I felt like I was a really bad person" for not finding a way to connect with another church youth, and then expressed gratitude for the time they spent together at a campsite across five days in June.

"I'm glad I got to know you here."

An SUMC high school student brought a Bible passage to the morning circle and shared its message with the group, sparking a conversation on acceptance that involved every voice.

Creating something in adults ...

An SUMC musician worshiped through an outdoor morning service and walked away inspired to grow his music ministry at home.

Two SUMC Sunday school teachers heard a young Christian singer witness to a multi-church prayer event in Nashville and asked, "Why not Sewickley?"

Creating something inside ...

Mike Donahey, lead singer of Christian band 10th Avenue North, revealed a powerful new lyric in a question-and-answer session with youth leaders: "Can you handle my confusion? Are you someone I can talk to?" An SUMC youth leader wondered if he can be that person, and if he has that person in his own life.

Four hours later, Donahey and his band were performing on the main stage. As the band stopped playing, Donahey kept singing, and thousands of worshippers joined him in repeating, "Hallelujah, You were right here all the time." The SUMC voices created a sweet, singular, safe pocket within the crowd, and the



youth leader, tears in his eyes, was reminded of all the people God provides to handle each other's confused moments.

Creating something together ...

Susie and Jack were there, Pamela and Grace were there, Johnathan brought Jade and Arabella. Kelly sent Willa and Clara, Mitchell sent Cameron and Ethan, and Felicity brought Eric. Genevieve, Allison L. and Alyx were there, too.

One of us brought a tent with no poles. Another brought clothes pins, which we surreptitiously pinned to each other's clothing. No one ever suspected Cameron, but it was always him. The "ladies" made bracelets. The men refilled mugs with wild cherry and Sarsaparilla sodas. A team, led by Jade and Bella, trekked to the lookout high above the campground. Jade and Bella rose early. Ethan slept late. We loved Tori Harper ("Revival") and Verses ("All Things"), rising stars who chatted with us and agreed to take photos with us.

We danced with Mandisa, worshiped with Hillsong, laughed with Crowder and found Skillet, a metal band that opens with epic pyrotechnics, unforgettable, for different reasons.

"I never want to see that band again," the 7-year-old said.

We strengthened relationships, stretched imagination, shared Bible stories and vowed to return next year. We need a bigger team so we can get a bigger camp site, one that can better accommodate soccer and volleyball.

Please consider joining us in 2020.

You don't have to be perfect to be there.

Atleah Grubb	8/4
Jennifer Frye	8/5
Kara Wayne	8/5
Blair McCombs	8/6
William Keisel	8/8
Felicity Moffett	8/8
David Malarik III	8/9
Martha Boward	8/10
Alexander Clifford	8/10
Jim Swope	8/10
Tom Wright	8/10
Rose Fishter	8/11
Jackson Leety	8/11



August
 BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Sollinger	8/11	Andrea Lewis	8/18
Robin Dicken	8/12	Matthew Malarik	8/18
Dolores McCoy	8/14	Grace Rogansky	8/21
Kim Benjamin	8/16	Lou Ann Scott	8/24
Pat Rudy	8/16	Charles Wilson	8/24
		Kelly Herman	8/25
		Bill Kuriger, Sr.	8/27
		Ansel Ream	8/27
		Ron Smith	8/28
		Brooke Guzma	8/29
		Eliana Gaebel	8/30
		Jerry Hagadorn	8/30
		Patty Hagadorn	8/30

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6 PM Friday Night Live Anniversary Dinner 7 PM AA	3 10 AM - 2 PM OCC Car Wash 1 PM - 4 PM VBS Decorating
4 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship 1 PM - 4 PM VBS Decorating	5	6 8 PM AA	7 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	8	9	10
← 6 PM - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School →						
11 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM - 12 PM OCC Wrapping Party 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship	12 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 8 PM Council Meeting	13 8 PM AA	14 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	15	16 7 PM AA	17
18 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship	19 7 PM Marketing Committee	20 2 PM Memorial Service for Gladys Miller 8 PM AA	21 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	22	23 5:30 AM Sewickley UMC at the Pittsburgh Riverhounds Faith & Family Night 7 PM AA	24 8 AM Mulch Spreading
25 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship 2 PM Learning Tree Parent Orientation	26	27 8 PM AA	28 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	29	30 7 PM AA	31



"The Church Has Left the Building"

Rachel Boward, Pam Honeychurch and Laura Honeychurch joined other UMCOR volunteers on July 27 in Jeannette, PA, where a large number of homes were flooded during recent heavy storms. Rachel, Pam and Laura spent the day working in a home by emptying and then power washing the basement.

Here's a summary of the latest Treasurer's Report. Pam Honeychurch, Treasurer



	2019 Budget	Budgeted to Date	June	Year-to-date
Expenses	272,479.40	145,011.90	18,115.59	135,014.42
Receipts	272,479.40	132,067.66	27,380.68	134,403.27
Overage (Deficit)	0.00	(12,944.24)	9,265.09	(611.15)